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SUBJECT

: The Krakow Pharmaceutical Plant

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1. The Krakow Pharmaceutical Plant (Krakowskie Zaklady Farmaceutyczne) was one of the better known factories of the chemical industry in Poland. Prior to World War II, it had been a private factory under the name of Wander; this name was dropped after the factory was nationalized. The factory was located at 10 Mogilska Street in Krakow and occupied several buildings. [redacted] it employed over 1,000 employees. 25X1
2. [redacted] it had very poor, old equipment. [redacted] there was an analytical laboratory which employed about 15 employees and was mostly occupied in making analyses of the penicillin which was produced at the plant and in another research laboratory. [redacted] 25X1
3. The Krakow Pharmaceutical Plant produced penicillin, vitamin B-12, C-1 from glucose, glucose, chloromycetin, and some medicinal specifics based on extracts from poppy seed. The production was based mainly on raw materials of Polish origin. Small quantities of the basic raw materials were imported [redacted] 25X1
4. [redacted] the exchange of research and production data on drugs was carried on with Czechoslovakia in 1953 and 1954 [redacted] Groups of two or three Polish employees were sent to Czech [redacted] chemical factories for short visits or for training periods. Czech [redacted] chemists came to Poland for the same purpose. [redacted] up to 1954, Poland had had serious difficulties in the production of penicillin, but that since that date, everything was all right. [redacted] 25X1
5. [redacted] there were two boiler explosions at the plant in 1954 and one in 1955. [redacted] the explosions were caused by the improper handling of some apparatus. 25X1
6. Employees at the plant stole products from the plant. 25X1

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